



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Joshi et al. GROUP: 1714
SERIAL NO.: 10/617,165 EXAMINER: S.K. Poulos
FILED: July 8, 2003
FOR: SILICA-RUBBER MIXTURES HAVING IMPROVED HARDNESS

Dated: October 19, 2006

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. "1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. "1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	4		X100 =	\$0.00	x200 =	\$0.00
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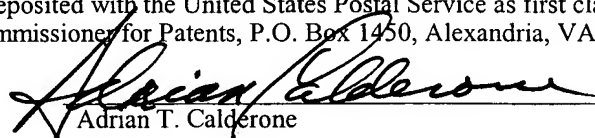
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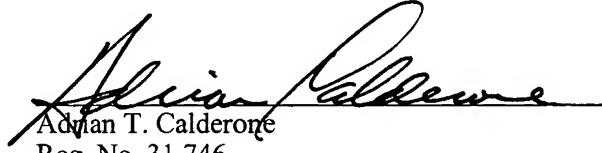
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants request *non-entry* of the Amendment After Final Office Action previously filed on August 24, 2006 and not entered by the Examiner

In response to the final Office Action of June 6, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

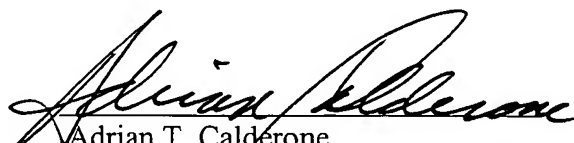
Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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